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Textbook of NCERT in Languages in Eight Schedule of Constitution of India

†2884. **SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of languages included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India in which new textbooks of NCERT would be prepared/developed;
- (b) whether the said textbooks are likely to be prepared/developed in Gujarati language; and
- (c) whether the said work would be in line with the National Education Policy-2020 in the perspective of providing multilingual education?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) & (b) National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has planned to prepare new textbooks in 22 languages included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India, wherein Gujarati is one of the languages.

(c) National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 (Para-4.11, 4.12, 4.13, and 4.14) provides for multilingualism and the same will be the guiding force in the development of the textbooks. One of the fundamental principles of NEP, 2020 that will guide both the education system at large, as well as the individual institutions is promoting multilingualism and the power of language in teaching and learning. Further NEP, 2020 (Para-4.32) emphasizes on the availability of textbooks in all regional languages.
